

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, as follows:

A cap 30 is pivotally mounted to the lower handle portion 16 above the dirt cup assembly 28. The cap 30 defines a portion of a latch assembly that cooperates with a catch frame (not shown) to removably secure the dirt cup assembly 28 to the upper assembly 4, as described and illustrated in the Assignee's copending U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/758,725, now U.S. Patent No. 6,536,072 (~~Attorney Docket No. RYL-2-0746~~), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Further, the cap 30 includes at least one indentation on an upper surface thereof, which indentation is shaped to accommodate an associated cleaning tool of the vacuum cleaner.